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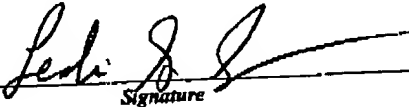
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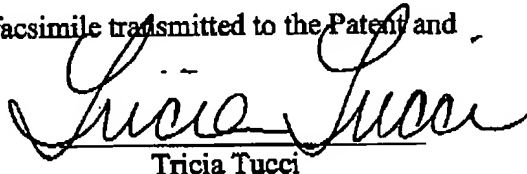
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In response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2002, applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, the subject matter of Group II, i.e., Claims 1-40, for continued prosecution in the above-identified patent application.

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